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Frederick County Firefighters Sell Tee Shirts for Breast Cancer Fund

(Frederick, MD, September 17, 2014) – Since 2010, Frederick County Firefighters have supported the Breast Cancer Fund from the annual sale of breast cancer awareness tee shirts. With 100 percent of the profit going to the fund, they were able to donate \$30,000 in 2013 by selling 3,111 shirts.

The firefighters hope to exceed that amount this year by encouraging residents to purchase one of the tee shirts pictured below for as little as \$15.



Chief Denise Pouget of the Frederick County Division of Fire & Rescue Services commented on this year's campaign by saying, "Funding to the cancer research fund is directly responsible for some valuable enhancements to the Radiology and Breast Center departments at Frederick Memorial Hospital and I applaud our firefighters for supporting such a worthwhile community cause."

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County Manager Lori Depies has authorized Frederick County Government staff who participate and purchase a tee shirt for the cause to wear the shirt each Friday during October, which is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"It's more than a piece of clothing, it's a statement that we won't stand for the tragic toll breast cancer takes on lives," stated Ms. Depies.

Commissioner President Blaine Young commended the efforts of the men and women of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 3666.

"Frederick County fire fighters have a long history of giving selflessly, both on and off the job. Because we hold these brave men and women in such high esteem, fire fighters can make a profound impact in the fight against breast cancer and all other cancers."

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society. "Many of us have been personally impacted by breast cancer," said Commissioner Young. "This is a great way to honor breast cancer survivors and help bring awareness to a worthy cause."

Those interested in participating in the 2014 Frederick County Fire/Rescue Breast Cancer Shirt fundraiser are encouraged to complete the attached order form. Once completed, click "submit form" if using Adobe Reader or simply save the completed form and email it back to swilliams1@frederickcountymd.gov as an attachment. Next, print the completed form and take it to Spring Ridge Fire Station #33 to pay (check preferred) and pick up your order. The shirts will be available based on first come first serve. The first order is expected to be at Spring Ridge Fire Station #33 on Friday, September 26.

For additional information and to order a tee shirt, contact Technician Steve Williams via e-mail at swilliams1@frederickcountymd.gov.

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